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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EMBASSY BRUSSELS SEEKS TO AMEND EC DECLARATION

EMBASSY BRUSSELS VIEWS PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE EC PAPER AS THE WEAKEST POSSIBLE ALLUSION TO THE NEED FOR A MORE EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR DEFENSE AND RECOMMENDS STRENGTHENING IT. BRUSSELS ALSO NOTES THAT WHILE THE DECLARATION ACKNOWLEDGES US-EUROPEAN INTERDEPENDENCE, THERE IS NO EUROPEAN UNDERTAKING PERMITTING THE US TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN EFFECTIVELY BEFORE THE NINE ARRIVE AT DECISIONS BEARING ON US-EC RELATIONS OR ON IMPORTANT US INTERESTS WORLDWIDE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE US SHOULD PRESS FOR SOME ARRANGEMENT FOR REGULAR CONSULTATIONS. (SECRET) BRUSSELS 5407, 9/21 (EXDIS).

2. THE TWO GERMANIES VIEW MBFR

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A. IN BONN...

HIGH GERMAN OFFICIALS ARE ADOPTING AN INCREASINGLY CAUTIOUS APPROACH ON MBFR. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DESIRES TO AVOID THE RISK OF SOVIET INTER-

REFERENCE IN NATO DEFENSE POLICY RESULTING FROM MBFR AGREEMENTS, AND SEES GRAVE RISKS IN EXCESSIVE SOVIET INSPECTIONS IN GERMANY. BONN ALSO PLACES LESS EMPHASIS ON PINNING DOWN THE RUSSIANS TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, AND CONTINUES TO VIEW THE POSSIBILITY OF INDIGENOUS FORCE REDUCTIONS WITH SERIOUS MISGIVINGS. (SECRET) BONN, 13738, 9/21.

B. ...AND IN BERLIN

A WELL-INFORMED EAST GERMAN SOURCE HAS TOLD US MISSION BERLIN THAT THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC BELIEVES A SYMBOLIC 10-15 REDUCTION IN FORCES IS POSSIBLE, BUT ADDED THIS WOULD NOT APPRECIABLY ALTER THE CURRENT MILITARY BALANCE IN EUROPE. HE ALSO WARNED THAT THE MILITARY EQUATION IN EUROPE IS SO COMPLEX THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO LINK MBFR TO CSCE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD DOOM BOTH EFFORTS TO FAILURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) BERLIN 1641, 9/21.

3. DISSIDENCE AND DETENTE: BREZHNEV'S DILEMMA

EMBASSY MOSCOW DISAGREES WITH CURRENT SPECULATION THAT BREZHNEV AND HIS POLICIES ARE IN IMMEDIATE TROUBLE, BUT BELIEVES HE IS FACED WITH THE DANGER OF BEING WHIP-SAWED BETWEEN FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNAL INTERESTS OVER ISSUES OF DISSIDENCE AND EXPANDED CONTACTS. THE EMBASSY WARNS THAT ANY WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO CONDITION DETENTE ON INTERNAL RELAXATION MAY PRESSURE BREZHNEV TO DIG IN HIS HEELS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 11479, 9/21.

4. FRENCH-US MILITARY RELATIONS

DURING HIS FORTHCOMING US VISIT, FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER
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ROBERT GALLEY WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION. HE TOLD EMBASSY PARIS HIS VISIT WILL FOCUS ON FRANCE'S NEW NUCLEAR CAPABILITY IN EUROPE. IN RESPONSE TO A US INQUIRY ON A CONTINGENCY WARTIME US LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS (LOC) ACROSS FRANCE, GALLEY REPLIED THAT THE MATTER IS ESSENTIALLY A PROBLEM OF "TRUST", BUT IMPLIED FRANCE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FACILITIES DURING PEACE-TIME. (SECRET) PARIS 24957, 9/21 (EXDIS).

5. CHILE:

A. AMERICANS TO BE RELEASED

EMBASSY SANTIAGO CONSULAR OFFICERS CONFIRMED FOUR AMERI-

CANS AMONG THE LIST OF DETAINEES BEING HELD AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM, AND WERE ASSURED BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES THAT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED. THE EMBASSY HAS NO CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER US DETAINEES, BUT IS CONTINUING TO TRY AND LOCATE FIVE REPORTED MISSING. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 4473, 9/21 (FLASH).

B. JUNTA REQUESTS PUBLIC SAFETY ASSISTANCE

IN A MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE ASKED AMBASSADOR DAVIS FOR US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD, CITING A LACK OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE IN COPING WITH THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF PROBLEMS THAT HAVE COME UP AND ANTICIPATED. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 4465, 9/21 (NOFORN).

6. SOVIETS BREAK RELATIONS WITH CHILE

CHILEAN UN CHARGE HOLGER INFORMED USUN ON SEPTEMBER 21 THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BROKEN RELATIONS WITH CHILE DUE TO ITS BAN OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES. HOLGER SAID THE SOVIET BREAK WITH CHILE WAS A VERY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT, WHICH MAY LEAD TO SOVIET SUPPORT OF CUBAN EFFORTS TO BOYCOTT CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER
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HUERTA'S SPEECH BEFORE THE UN. HE THOUGHT HUERTA SHOULD RECONSIDER HIS DECISION TO GO TO NEW YORK. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 3347, 9/22 (LIMDIS).

7. JAPANESE FIRM ON PRG QUESTION WITH DRV

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY TOKYO THAT JAPAN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DRV WERE AT TIMES HEATED ON THE ISSUE OF THE PRG. THIS WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE ISSUE IN THE TALKS LEADING TO JAPAN'S ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE DRV, THE OFFICIAL SAID, NOTING THAT JAPAN HELD FIRM THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND MADE NO MINOR CONCESSIONS ON THIS ISSUE. FINALLY THE MATTER WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED. THE SOURCE ALSO TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE ISSUE OF US ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SVN THROUGH JAPAN HAD POSED NO PROBLEM, AND THAT THE DRV DID NOT MENTION AID ONCE DURING THE TWO MONTHS. (SECRET) TOKYO 12271, 9/21 (EXDIS).

8. COUNTER-COUP SQUASHED IN KABUL?

RUMORS ARE RIFE THAT A PLOT OF SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS WAS CRUSHED YESTERDAY, EMBASSY KABUL REPORTS. THE

EMBASSY LEARNED FROM HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ARRESTS WERE MADE

IN THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSIDER-
ABLE MILITARY ACTIVITY AROUND THE CAPITAL. ONLY FOUR
ARRESTEES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED SO FAR, AND THEY ARE ALL
PROMINENT AND HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT, ACCORDING TO THE
EMBASSY. KABUL RADIO ALSO BROADCAST YESTERDAY AN
ACCUSATION THAT PAKISTAN WAS INVOLVED IN A PLOT INTER-
FERING WITH AFGHANISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) KABUL 6844, 9/21.

9. PROBLEMS AHEAD IN INDO-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

EMBASSY NEW DELHI REPORTS THAT WITH THE PASSING OF POST-
WAR EUPHORIA, INDIA IS DISCOVERING THAT ITS RELATIONSHIP
WITH BANGLADESH IS NOT AN EASY ONE. ANTI-INDIAN FEELING
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IN BANGLADESH IS INCREASING OVER SUCH ISSUES AS SMUGGLING
AND OFFICIAL TRADE. INDIA FINDS BANGLADESH TREATING IT
LIKE A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND ITS NEIGH-
BOR'S INGRATITUDE. INDIA, HOWEVER, HAS BEGUN LOOKING FOR
FOREIGN DEVILS RATHER THAN ACCEPT THE INEVITABILITY OF
BILATERAL FRICTIONS. (SECRET) NEW DELHI 11089, 9/21. RUSH

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